

FAIR TO OCCUR.

Northern Cumberland, J. Orin Ross, Harrison, Oct. 10, 11.
Lincoln County, A. I. Phelps, Damariscotta, Oct. 3, 4, 5.
Shapleigh and Acton, Fred K. Bodwell, Oct. 3, 4, 5.
Grange Fair at Alameda Exposition Building, Bath, Oct. 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7.
Sandy River Agricultural Society, Starks, Oct. 24.

SOUTH KENNEBEC FAIR.

Had the crowd been much bigger the second day of South Kennebec Fair, Windsor, the gates would have had to be opened, for standing room was almost at a premium. It was a great, good natured crowd, the majority having driven ten to twenty miles.

If first impressions are worth anything the officers here have taken the proper course, for the building erected for the President, Secretary Douglas and the newspaper men is complete and attractive. No society in the state shows such appreciation of the hard working reporter nor provides so comfortable a room in which to make the reports, and the boys appreciate it. Everything about this building is fresh and clean, the officers' rooms neat and attractive, and no one crowded.

Out in the field the windmill and high tank tell of abundant water supply for man and beast, and the troughs and drinking places all over the grounds attest the thoughtfulness of the officers. Unfortunately, the track comes close to the buildings and fence on the front and side so that only a narrow passage way is allowed.

Of the exhibition much may be said. In the fruit department it was unusually good, though not as large as in a fruit year. E. A. Lapham, Pittston, M. B. Moody, Windsor, W. M. Nolan, Whitefield, James Mooney, Whitefield, James Kenney, North Pittston, being the largest exhibitors. Mr. Kenney had fifteen varieties of apples, pears and grapes. The fancy work department shows the excellent skill of the lady in charge, Mrs. F. A. Coombs, Windsor, as well as of those contributing the result of their handiwork.

In the dairy department the exhibit was not large, but some as fine specimens of butter and cheese were found as will be shown this year at any fair, the sage cheese, made by Mrs. Moody, So. Windsor, and butter by Mrs. D. S. Glidden, Cooper's Mills, being worthy special mention.

Cattle.

The show of full bloods was not as large as at Readfield, but the grades were out in force. The paying of premiums on grade bulls doubtless serves to encourage their increase, where other societies by refusing an award on a grade, have greatly stimulated the introduction of pure bred males. A great showing of oxen and steers claimed attention, and as the veteran, J. W. Clough, walked through the rows, his word of praise was heard over certain promising pairs. The pure bred Herefords were a good lot, but we missed the pronounced dairy type of the great butler making Jerseys, save in individual animals. Many good cows were to be seen, the large, old-fashioned, deservedly popular Shorthorn being in evidence, good stock for any farmer.

T. T. Weeks of Jefferson showed a thoroughbred Jersey cow, two thoroughbred Holstein cows, two grade Durham cows and a thoroughbred Holstein bull. This is his working dairy herd, and a good one. Many farmers cast envious eyes toward these cattle and wished they had them.

C. A. Bruce of Whitefield, a 1-year-old grade Durham bull and two good grade Hereford heifer calves.

Thomas Nolan of Whitefield, a 2-year-old grade Jersey bull.

Howard Willis of Whitefield a 1-year-old pair of steers, and Charles Boynton of Windsor, the same.

Charles D. Jones of Windsor, made one of the extensive exhibits, a 2-year-old grade Jersey heifer, a 2-year-old grade Holstein heifer, a 3-year-old Durham heifer and a grade Durham cow. It was a good lot.

Fred Hunt of Pittston, brought out a yoke of 3-year-old pulling steers, and R. A. Marston & Son of East Pittston, a nice yoke of 4-year-old matched.

Another yoke of matched steers is in the exhibition of W. Malloy of Whitefield. They were 2 years old and attracted much attention.

Eddie Burns of North Whitefield showed a pair of trained steers, 3 years old.

J. E. Wheelan of Whitefield, always makes a good showing of cattle and his exhibit this year was not behind that of previous years. He has one of the best farms in the section where he lives, and is an up-to-date farmer. In his exhibit, this year, which is one of the most extensive of any on the ground, he had five good grade Durham cows and a year-old bull. This is only one of his dairy herds. Besides this herd he shows a pair of 2-year-old matched grade Jersey steers, a pair of grade Holstein year-old matched steers, a pair of grade Durham steer calves, two Hereford 2-year-old calves and 3-year-old Hereford heifers.

Ambrose Riley of Whitefield, showed two yokes of good oxen, 2 and 3 years old.

James Erskine of Windsor brought out a mammoth Sussex bull, 3 years old. It was a fine one and attracted much attention.

C. J. Skehan of Windsor, showed a well built 2-year-old grade Durham bull.

C. E. Trask of Windsor, a 2-year-old blood Durham bull, another good one.

Frank Trask of Windsor, a fine yoke of 1-year-old steers.

J. S. Gary of Windsor, a yoke of grade Holsteins, 1 year old, and a pair of grade Sussex, 1 year old.

Thomas Skehan of Whitefield, grade Durham bull, 1 year old, also year-old grade Hereford bull and a matched pair of steers, 3 years old, a 2-year-old steer and a 2-year-old grade Durham cow.

H. F. Dow of Jefferson, one pair of pulling steers, 7 feet and 2 inches.

E. A. Trask of Jefferson, one pair of pulling steers, J. H. Doyle, Whitefield, matched steers.

A. J. Leonard of Pittston, is one of the extensive exhibitors, having a pure bred Hereford bull, 2 years old; heifer, 2 years old; 2 cows with calves of the same blood; matched oxen, 5 years old; and working oxen, same age.

Ira Choate of Windsor, a well put up pair of 3-year-old working steers greatly admired.

Charles E. Pease of Alna, yoke of Holstein steers, grade Holstein bull calf, and full blood Holstein heifer.

W. W. Hysler of Windsor, made good showing of stock, including a yoke of 4-year-old fat cattle, one of Holstein 3-year-olds, one of Jerseys, and one of Hereford steers.

The Whitefield town team of matched steers contained oxen from the barns of Ernest Dutton, William Grady, Peter Fields, William Rooney, Thomas Kelley, Westley Lewis, Charles Skehan, John Clark, Richard McGrath, and George Place.

The Windsor town team came from the barns of F. A. Moody, Frank Hall, W. J. Hysler, Horace Choate and Julian Sprout.

F. D. Erskine of Windsor, a very pretty little pair of steer calves.

F. S. Pierce of Windsor, a full blooded Shorthorn bull calf.

John H. Dougle of Windsor, 2 full blooded Jersey heifers and a grade Durham bull calf.

H. E. Howe of Cooper's Mills, a yoke of 2-year-old steers, 1 year grade Durham bull, grade Durham cow and heifer, and full blooded Durham cow.

Master Thomas Doyle of Whitefield, a grade Durham bull calf, 5-months-old, a dandy.

Charles Humphrey of Augusta, had a thoroughbred Holstein 4-months-old calf.

Alonso Rogers of Windsor, exhibited a Holstein herd consisting of seven cows and a thoroughbred bull, also a Durham cow and three calves.

F. P. McManus of Windsor, a Durham cow, 6 years old, a grade Jersey, 1 year old, which are promising ones, also a Jersey year-old heifer, year-old Jersey bull, 2 Jersey calves, a grade Durham year-old heifer, 3 grade Jersey cows, a full blood Jersey calf and a year-old heifer.

Vegetables.

In the vegetable department Mr. James Morton, Windsor, was the largest exhibitor, bringing from his farm fine Early Rose and Delaware potatoes, Honey Dew sweet corn, a trace of yellow corn, Ox Heart carrots, Red onions, big pumpkins and little pumpkins and Ruta Baga turnips.

For small fruit he had small and large yellow tomatoes and The Cherry, Boston Red and Diadem tomatoes. Besides these he had 13 varieties of apples, and they were all good ones.

Abram Choate of Windsor made a fine display of potatoes of the Early Shamrock, Green Mountain, Early Pride and Warshaw varieties. His exhibit also carried two nice Sugar pumpkins and a trace of Tom Thumb corn.

F. W. Barton of Windsor exhibited some extra Green Mountain potatoes.

R. N. Given, South Windsor, had an extensive exhibit of Early Red Globe onions, 14 specimens, with a combined weight of 13½ pounds.

Lon Rogers of Windsor was another large exhibitor of potatoes, None Such, White Star, Stray Beauty and Early Rose varieties.

A very pretty display of tomatoes was made by G. J. Wyman of South China; also some good specimens of Early Rose potatoes.

Ernest Choate brought out some mammoth mangel wurzel beets.

Ernest Choate of Windsor, a choice lot of onions.

Three large cabbages were shown from the garden of D. Y. Mann of Windsor.

L. A. Hume of the same place made an exhibit of potatoes.

R. R. Albee of Windsor showed Stray Beauty, Late Rose, Early Sims, New Queen, Early Ohio, King Early and Delaware potatoes. Were selected specimens.

Some fine Canada Blue and King's Early potatoes were on exhibition from the farm of J. H. Dougle of Windsor.

The show of sheep was confined to two or three lots of grades, and a pure bred Oxford Down buck. We failed to find the pigs, but did find four boxes crowded full of poultry, with slats on the top. No one saw them, for they could not be seen. Thus some good stock was passed over, through failure of the owner to exhibit in proper manner.

To the credit of the officers of this society it should be stated that good order prevailed throughout, and the disturbing element, always seeking a chance to become boisterous, was in the background. The admission of a shooting gallery and careless handling of a rifle was the cause of an accident by which a young man, J. D. M. Hallowell of South China received a bullet in his back as he was passing across the range some distance from the target. The man who fired the shot should be taught a lesson he will not soon forget. It was thought that Mr. Hallowell was not seriously injured, as the bullet struck a rib and did not enter to any depth. It was a fortunate escape.

The attendance on Thursday, the second day, was a record breaker in the history of the society, and though the heavy showers of the afternoon scattered the crowd and prevented the programme being carried out, bright skies and settled weather, Friday, called out the usual attendance. South Kennebec will rank as one of the good county fairs of Maine, and its officers may well feel satisfied over the result of their labors.

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FRUIT NOTES.

SATSUMA PLUM.

Mr. Hale writes to *Rural New Yorker* concerning the Satsuma plum. He says: "The criticisms that have been made by many in relation to the Satsuma plum not fruiting freely, have seemed to apply to young trees, for we are all learning that as the trees of this variety grow older, they are inclined to become very productive, in some cases so much so as to surpass nearly all others. It is a wonderful plum in its keeping and shipping qualities, and nothing can compare with it for canning purposes. I predict that, within a few years, Satsuma will take a much higher place in the opinion of orchardists than at the present time."

THE KING OF FRUITS.

There is no fruit that is held in more general esteem than the apple, says the *Farmer's Voice*, and with good reason, for it is the one that is best adapted to the temperate zone, and the only one that can be had every day in the year in its natural condition. It can be held from one year until the crop of the next year is perfected, and without special preparation it may be sent to the end of the world and arrive in perfect condition.

The apple comes to its greatest perfection only in the northern part of the temperate zone, and every year it takes a firmer hold on the markets of the world. The man who sets an apple orchard may be assured of profitable returns when his trees come into bearing. The careful selection of varieties is important, and the proper attention to cultivation should not be neglected. Since we have insects and most fungous diseases under control through spraying, the apple crop has become quite certain and the quality has been greatly improved.

Every spring some one starts up the old bugbear that apples are an uncertain crop in the northern portion of the corn belt. The success of Canadian and Minnesota apple growers should be sufficient to convince any one that apples, if the proper varieties are grown, should do well almost anywhere in the United States, as far as climate is concerned. For the South, choose those adapted to that country, and for the North, those that do best in the North. In the selection of varieties lies one of the important secrets of success in growing apples.

—*Western Plowman.*

THE FARMER'S ORCHARD.

At a meeting of a horticultural society in Illinois, a speaker upon the subject of "Farmers' Orchards," said:

"The location of such an orchard should be as near his house as possible, provided a suitable soil can be found. If conditions are suitable, it should be placed to the north and west of the farm buildings. Well drained land is generally good, on any side will do, but do not use sloping land, even if it has been drained. Any kind of land should be drained, as drainage improves the condition of the ground. It is best to have the ground subsoiled. Subsoiling permits the rain water to distribute itself more quickly and evenly through the ground. Ground so treated can be easily penetrated by the roots, which will then go down to a greater depth than in ground not subsoiled. A small orchard should be planted on every farm."

Lay off the ground in check rows, 30 feet apart each way. The marks can be made with a plow, running the furrow deep, and then at the intersections little digging will have to be done. Set out your trees one inch deeper than they were in the nursery rows. In setting the roots, put fine dirt around the roots and work it in by agitating them. This is to prevent the formation of air cavities under the roots. Throw in only enough water to pack the dirt around the roots. Pack in the dirt almost as solid as you would around a fence post. You must be careful about this, for if the soil is loosely packed the air will get in and dry out the roots. Do not tramp the top layer of dirt, but leave that to act as a mulch. Plant only such trees and plants as are recommended by the horticultural society for the district in which you live."

SHEEPFOLD.

Plenty of good shade should be had for the sheep. If no trees are in your pasture, it would be well to provide a temporary shade for them. A little care in this manner, will be appreciated by the sheep, as well as put money in your pocket in the fall.

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REQUISITES OF A GOOD SHEPHERD.

A flock of sheep cannot be handled or fattened successfully without a close observance of their habits and peculiarities. There are a great many little things that enter into the attention and management by a successful shepherd that may seem trivial, yet they have much to do with the comfort, thrift and profit of the flock.

The axiom that "The eye of the master fattens" is nowhere more applicable than in the sheep-fold. The competent feeder acquires a trained eye, that detects at a glance any evidence of disorder that will be manifest if a single animal is off feed or out of condition. To the unobserving or inexperienced feeder all sheep look alike, but when rightly studied no class of stock presents more marked individual peculiarities or so clearly manifest evidence of thrift and well doing or the reverse.

Attention to these little details, accompanied by regular habits and a quiet manner, constitutes the keynote of successful sheep feeding. Nothing contributes more to good results than contentment and quiet surroundings. The feeder who disturbs the quiet and comfort of the flock every time he goes about it should quit sheep business at once.

Rough manners and harsh treatment absolutely disqualify any man for success in this work. The natural timidity and nervous temperament of the sheep necessitate gentle treatment.

Their daily habits about eating and drinking must also be indulged as fully as practicable.

No animal naturally selects a wider variety of food, particularly of rough forage and vegetation; but two essentials are always exacted, viz., cleanliness and palatability. Never give a sheep any stale or undesirable food, nor expect it to eat any food left over from a previous meal. The ration should be always wholesome and tempting to the appetite.

The barn or stabling quarters should never be without a fresh, pure atmosphere and an ample supply of dry bedding.

Sheep rarely suffer from cold if kept dry and protected from direct drafts. The open air is better than a poorly kept shed or barn. —*Prof. C. E. Curtiss in Farmer's Bulletin.*

FUNKY.

The Range Business Coming to Maine.

T. F. B. Sotham of Chillicothe, Mo., who is one of the foremost breeders of Hereford cattle in the United States, recently received a letter from an eastern syndicate, formed for the purpose of buying up abandoned farms in Maine, which contained some rather unique propositions. The land company has bought up thousands of acres of farm lands in Maine, says the *Kansas City Times*, the owners of which lived on them until it became impossible to make a living at agricultural pursuits and then had sought new fields. The syndicate proposes to stock the lands with Hereford cattle and wants Mr. Sotham to journey to Maine and see whether the land would do for grazing purposes. If so, the company wants Mr. Sotham to act as western agent and supply the stock.

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EDITOR'S TABLE.

The author of the famous "Mr. Dooley," Finley P. Dunne, has joined the literary forces of *The Ladies' Home Journal*, and will create this fall in that magazine a new character, called "Molly Donahue," who lives across the street from Mr. Dooley. Her creator says that Molly is a bright, pretty girl of nineteen, who has ambitions for the great world of woman's clubs, Browning societies, golf clubs, woman's rights organizations and the "high-toned literary and social life" which thrives on "the elite side of Chicago." Her mother and brother sympathize with her, but her father, who works in the mill, is hard to deal with in that he will insist on sitting at table in his shirt sleeves and in his stocking feet. "Mr. Dooley" is the family's most intimate friend and is called upon frequently to run across and set matters straight.

One is sure to find in the pages of the *Comptroller* some topics of immediate interest, and in all the output of the September magazines no article so holds the reader as M. Saint-Just's detailed subscription of the organization of the French Secret Service. The writer knows his subject, as he was former Chief of Division in the intricate organization. The reader lays the article down bewildered at the conception of the web which has been woven closer and closer around the French people since the days of Napoleon.

The most striking feature of *The Century* for September, which is a Salt-Water Number, is the first installment of Captain Joshua Slocum's "Sailing Alone Around the World." Other contents of this number are "The Way of a Ship," by Frank T. Bullen, author of "The Cruise of the Cachalot," "The Atlantic Speedway," by H. Phelps Whitmarsh, author of "The World's Rough Hand," and "Salvage," by Morgan Robertson, author of the forthcoming volume of sea tales "Where Angels Fear to Tread."

A SCRAP OF EVOLUTION.

In August 1850, the drill of Colonel Drake was the means of announcing two or three adjacent and inquisitive Pennsylvanians with crude petroleum

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half than ever.Sample Copy sent on applica-
tion.Try the Maine Farmer for one
month.Governor Powers and staff, with the
Executive Council, will attend the Dewey
reception and participate in the parade.
The colleges report large classes enter-
ing this fall, which is surely an evidence
of prosperity as well as indication of ad-
vance of the cause of education.It is reported that Capt. Dreyfus is to
spend the winter in America, if he is to
stand his five years on Devil's Island
will be the most drawing card on the
lecture platform.Admiral Dewey arrived in New York,
two days ahead of time, and for the
next week the honors of the great na-
val hero will be showered upon the greatest
naval hero of the day.The first number of the new penny
daily, the Bath News, is received, and
like all of Bro. Upton's work is neat in
appearance and filled with new ma-
terial served in a pleasing manner.Lovers of a good story will find the
columns of the Maine Farmer of un-
usual interest, as we commence in this
issue, a serial by one of our best writers.
Now is a good time to subscribe and get
this story in full for it will be enjoyed by
every reader.It is unfortunate that through a clashing
of selfish interests the G. A. R. of
New York city will not appear in the
Dewey parade. Being a civic parade the
demand for the place of honor was not
accorded the boys of 61 and they
promptly voted not to appear.The Washington county railroad makes
a good showing in its first annual report
just published. The first year is always
a trial trip and the officers are to be con-
gratulated on what they have accom-
plished in building and equipping a road
in so thorough and effective a manner.The exhibition which has just closed
at St. John was the most successful for
many years and the Farmer would ex-
tend congratulations to the officers and
managers through whose efforts the re-
sult has been secured. It means much
to carry such an exhibition through suc-
cessfully.President F. A. Wilson of the Maine
Central who has announced his inten-
tion of retiring at the annual meeting in
October has proven one of the best offi-
cials the road has ever had and under
his wise direction this great railroad is
becoming more and more a promoter of
prosperity in every portion of the state.The scheme to start a 64,000 acre cat-
tle ranch in Maine may look well on pa-
per but until the details are well fixed
and the New York and Western prom-
oters put in their dollars and establish the
industry the farmers of Maine can
hardly be expected to take stock. New
York and Western promoters know little
of Maine conditions and climate if they
expect to feed large herds out of doors
from November until May. There is
room for a great increase of the beef in-
dustry in Maine but only in accordance
with the climatic conditions prevailing
here. Rough ranch methods will not fit
New England winters.The past week has witnessed one of the
most notable gatherings seen in this
country for many a year, the Inter-
national Congregational Conference, held
in Boston, where hundreds of delegates
from England, Scotland, Australia

YOUR ASSISTANCE DESIRED.

In placing the Maine Farmer in the
hands of twenty thousand fam-
ilies the publishers realize that the
assistance of old friends is to be of
great value. Already we have had
substantial evidence of a desire to
aid in doubling the circulation, and for
these unsolicited efforts hearty
praise is due. May we not ask their
continuance? If your neighbor is
not a subscriber loan him your copy
and tell him of the generous offer
which places the Maine Farmer
within the reach of every family and
all the while insures more original
reading for each member of the
family than is to be found in high-
priced publications. The price,
ONLY ONE DOLLAR A
YEAR, is surely all that any sub-
scriber could desire and in the large
increase already secured there is
sure promise that the 20,000 mark
will be reached this winter. Your
word of commendation will aid ma-
terially in swelling the list of regu-
lar subscribers. Will you not lend
a helping hand in this direction?and other lands have joined hands with
the great workers in America in con-
sidering the drift of religious thought
and the position the church is to occupy in
the immediate future. Its influence up-
on the denomination must be great,
bringing greater harmony of thought
and expression and a broader range of
vision touching the vital questions which
affect every man and woman.The love of music needs only to be
cultivated to bring to the individual rich
compensation, and because of this the
state of Maine owes a debt of gratitude
to Prof. W. R. Chapman who has accom-
plished what no other man could have
done and given the people of Maine two
grand festivals where the best music by
the best composers, vocal and instru-
mental, has been rendered by the noted
artists of the world, backed by a thor-
oughly trained chorus of Maine singers.
Against obstacles almost insurmount-
able, has this Maine boy, out of love for his
state and chosen profession, wrought a
miracle in the musical sentiment of the
people, the significance of which cannot
yet be appreciated. Next week at Port-
land and Bangor the third grand festi-
val will be held and every lover of
choice music, every man or woman who
wishes to hear the greatest musical crea-
tions rendered by the greatest artists of
the century, should attend these grand
concerts. The opportunity should not
be lost.

OUTLOOK FOR THE NEW ENGLAND FARM.

In the Review of Reviews Mr. Hez-
ekiah Butterworth, editor of Youth's
Companion, discusses the future of New
England farms in a manner at once en-
tertaining and logical. We may not
accept all his statements, but the con-
densed summary of his convictions may
well be considered. Being asked by a
group in Massachusetts to address the
members upon "The Future Value of the
New England Farm," he commences by
reviewing the history of these farms,
claiming that the true reason for their
degeneracy has been extravagance, and
then proceeds to a study of the future,
saying:It is said that such simple conditions
of life as once prevailed are not possible
today. But they are possible today, and
it is an honor to any man to make them
so. The immigrant who pays the price of
his honest industry bring character to the
soil.
What should I say to the grange? I
had left an old farm myself for the city.
I could have kept that farm, a part
of which had been in my family some
two hundred years, with views I had
then; I think I could do it now. I have
come to have a perfect distrust of the
city. It is sure to keep it if you have
not, secure one; live simply and
honestly, and you will live long and
prosperous, enrich your soul and leave an
honest name.But what are some of the materi-
al conditions that promise to make the
New England farm valuable? New Eng-
land has long been and is likely to re-
main the educational head of the
states. The immigrant, the Westerner,
the Geneva of our country—and to make
educators.The spindles of New England are
not going to stop; they will multiply.
We are going to have larger markets at
home; perhaps not so much in Asia as in
Europe and Latin America and in the An-
tilles. A new commerce is at hand.A South American carrier with
Europe's trade amounting to more than
a billion dollars a year. It was the vision
of Simon Bolivar and of Blaine that the
South American trade should flow to
this coast. It is sure to come with the
Nicaragua Canal and a new view-point
of commerce. Then the manufacture of
fine goods will become more and more a
necessity, and New England will have
the steamers will fill the ports where the
white sails were furled.Irrigation in the middle west is likely
to enlarge the New England markets of
choice products, and the kindergarten
school, which educates the heart, con-
science and imagination of the child
through creative work, and the indus-
trial school, which makes skilled fac-
tories are likely to give their influences to
new and healthier views of the worth of
the best materials of soil life.The electric car meets the new con-
ditions of the New England farm. It
not only takes one to the best schools
and centers of industry, it is becoming
and is going to become a market wagon
for the gardener, dairyman and small
farmer. New England is already a net-
work of electric railroads, and these
silent and swift avenues are to multiply.
An electric railroad running under the
elms and maples of a rural community
makes easier all of the conditions of
life.The grange is making the farmer
intelligent as never before. The rural
Catholics build beautiful churches, the
old Protestants reinforce their work by
the Chautauqua and Christian Endeavor,
the rationalists build libraries and parks,
but all of the families, old and new,
meet at the grange. The study of the
soil and how best to make the soil yield
its resources is a subject common to all.The entertainments of the grange appeal
to all. But in New England and in some
parts of the south and west it is the
fellowship of the grange that has a no-
table value. The grange introduces the
Latin races to the American. It makesa neighborhood one family. It brings
about the ideal of Garrison, who said:
"A country out the world is a country
where all mankind," or of Governor
Andrew, who once exclaimed: "I know
not what record of sin awaits me in an-
other world, but this I do know, that I
never despised a man because of his
poor, because he was ignorant, or be-
cause he was black."To the same mission of fraternity
comes the kindergarten school. Sar-
gent, the friend of Charles Sumner
and Horace Mann and the great apostle
of South American education, once said:
"Primary school education is the founda-
tion of national character." The old-
time primary school was conducted after
the models of an absolute monarchy.
The rote ruled. The new kindergarten
school meets the wants of the cosmopol-
itan rural community. It puts the prin-
ciples of the Sermon on the Mount of
Beatitudes into the conduct of the
child, and educates the heart to feel that
character is success, and that the crea-
tion of good for the happiness of others
is the source of the true happiness of
life. As the discussion of the world's
politics enters into the debates of the
grange, so the methods of the kind-
ergarten school are being universalized.
These schools are multiplying as never
before in New England.The religious principles of the
farming towns are not dying out; their
methods of doing good are changing.
Faith in character and in the power that
comes from obedience to spiritual law
was never greater in the land of the pil-
grims than now. The sectarian empha-
sis is going, but the fraternalism is com-
ing, and the conviction that he who wills to
do God's will shall find the truth in himself
is deep in the hearts of the people, in the
new homes as well as in the old. New
England is destined to be a land like
Switzerland, to be ever new, and the
most promising period of her history is
now.The thousands of abandoned farms
of New England are being purchased by
people from many countries and are dis-
appearing. The old farms have a new
value. The Portuguese, the Italian, and
the Canadian are found in almost every
community, and it behooves the thirty
New Englander to receive his Latin
neighbor well, for he has come to stay
and vote, and his many children are to
vote. The outcome of these changes
will be a new life for the old New Eng-
land. We may be reasonably sure, that an
honest man can have no more honorable
or stable possession than a New England
farm on which no mortgage remains,
accompanied by the title from the state
equal to its value in some solid bank.So I would repeat, whether in New
England or elsewhere: "If you have a
farm, keep it; if not, get one, for the
future may come when the land will be
largely divided into monopolies, de-
pendents and farmers, and the farmer
will be the most independent of all men
and the saving power of our institu-
tions. The relief from the economic
problems of the time is a simple, honest,
character-building, faith-sustaining life
on the soil."

THE MAINE FARMER SUSTAINED.

The State Board of Health has taken
up the question of meat and milk
preservatives and their action will tend to
check the use of this fraud. At their
regular meeting Monday the subject of
the use of chemical preservatives in milk
was quite fully discussed. In answer to
a circular letter sent to every state board
of health, to the municipal boards of
about 50 of our larger cities, and to the
agricultural experiment stations in every
state and territory, a large number of
communications have been received
making statements of the opinion of
these bodies relative to the use of for-
maldehyde in milk, whether it is ad-
visable for dairymen to use it; whether it
impairs the nutritive qualities of milk;
whether it interferes with the digestibil-
ity of the milk; and what experimen-
tal data are available; and what action
has been taken relative to this question.Very few exceptions, there is a gen-
eral consensus of opinion that the use of
formaldehyde for dairymen is wrong
and should be prohibited. Professor
Robinson offered the following resolu-
tion which was adopted by the board:
Resolved: That it is the unanimous
opinion of this board that neither for-
maldehyde nor any other chemical pre-
servative should be added to milk or
cream by dairymen or milk dealers.
Of the therapeutic use of these things by
physicians we have nothing to say, but
we are sure that their use by dairymen
and milk dealers should be prohibited
in this State as it is in many others.

A BEAUTIFUL PICTURE.

The Farmer is under obligations to
Mr. J. S. Sanborn for a very fine picture
of his farm and buildings at Lewiston
Junction, with his premium station
Gemare standing out boldly in the fore-
ground, as a fine piece of art as has ever
been sent out by the Forbes Lithograph-
ing Co. The picture is made from draw-
ings of the buildings and horse and is
remarkably true to nature. No finer
illustration of a grand horse could be
desired than is this reproduction at Ge-
mare, the head of the stud at Elmwood
Farm; a farm which to-day is without
an equal in all the East.

WHO WILL ANSWER?

Editor Maine Farmer: Can any one
tell me if ginseng grows wild in this
state? If so, how can it be told from
other plants? By answering the above
you will greatly oblige
ELMER BERDEEN.
Stonington.

A Word Personal.

The ever welcome, familiar Maine
Farmer has been greeted by us for nearly
60 years and increases in attractive
features yearly. What person desiring
to succeed on the farm, family or in
helpful society can afford to do without
it? It reminds us of those popular
Ladies' Circle five cent dinners; abun-
dant, appetizing and cheap. May it like
those dinners be well patronized and
feed and invigorate hosts of families of
the Old Pine Tree State.
E. Sumner. S. ROBINSON.If the towns of Maine contained more
such public spirited men as Mr. Amos
F. Gerald, Fairfield, improvement would
be more rapid. His latest proposition is
to build a fine brick hotel in the village
at Fairfield in place of the old house
which has been an eyesore for years. It
is to be completed on or before January
1, 1900.Remember Sagadahoc Fair at Top-
sham, Oct. 10, 11, and 12, the last grand
exhibition of the perfected products of
the state. See announcement in another
column.

OXFORD COUNTY FAIR.

The rain Wednesday morning required
postponement one day. Thursday morn-
ing the sun shone out bright, and all
roads led to the Oxford County Fair, and
by 11 o'clock A. M. there were thousands
of people on the grounds which made
one of the most of the big days at the
State Fair, Lewiston. The halls were
crowded all the time and one could hear
on all sides, "What a sight!"There were five granges making exhibi-
tions, which for extent, variety and ar-
rangement would be hard to beat. The
granges were Norway, Paris, Hebron,
West Paris and Frederick Robie (Otis-
field Gore) which occupied all the cen-
tral portion of the upper hall. The hall
was not large enough for the space re-
quired by the exhibitors. The garden
and farm products encircled the hall and
were a fine display.The lower hall was well filled with ma-
chinery and farming implements from
the stores of South Paris and Norway.
A. L. & E. F. Goss Co., Lewiston, were on
hand with their large display of machin-
ery and dairy goods.The display of apples and fruit was
good for this year, a large and beautiful
display of canned fruits, maple syrup
and sugar. The show cases contained a
fine display of cakes, bread and table
luxuries. The dairy products were
large, the butter and cheese were shown
in abundance.The art exhibit made a fine, rich dis-
play. The yarn and knit goods were
shown in large quantities; the exhibitors
were many in this class of goods. The
millinery, needlework, and fancy articles
made a fine display and this department
was tastefully arranged. The quilts,
patchwork and crochet work of the
ladies would be hard to surpass by
larger fairs.There were minerals, curiosities, jack-
knife and jig saw work, cumbars
ground inside of bottles, and other curi-
osities too numerous to mention. The
floral display was good, a fine display of
cut flowers and house plants. The array
of stock probably never was surpassed
on these grounds. Sheep and swine were
also largely shown this year. The
horses were out in force, which insured
good races.Stock on the grounds not spoken of in
last week's issue: E. H. Stearns, Snows
Falls, a good one, a 3-year-old Dur-
ham bull, a good one, a 3-year-old Dur-
ham heifer, a pair 4-year-old Hereford
steers, a pair 3-year-old Durham steers,
a pair yearling Hereford steers, a good
lot of cattle.M. W. Bessey, South Paris, a pair 9
months old grade red Durham steers of
good quality.O. A. Bird, West Paris, a good lot of
Herefords as follows: One pair 2-year-
old steers, 1 pair yearling steers, 1 pair
steer calves, 2 thoroughbred cows, 1
thoroughbred heifer calf, and Mr. Bird
leaves 13 head at home, all Herefords
but two.J. L. Suckles, Snows Falls, a grade Dur-
ham yearling heifer with a months old
heifer calf by her side, after a Hereford
bull, and a 3 months old grade Holstein
heifer.All lovers of good stock ought to have
been at the gates of the Oxford County
Fair when the stock from Hartford was
driven in, eleven pair of oxen and steers
in one string, 22 head of the best of
cattle. The exhibitors from Hartford
were: Moses Young, 1 pair oxen, 2
3-year-old steers, 2 pair 2-year-old steers,
all Herefords, the oxen entered for draft
oxen, the steers entered for best.Oscar R. Turner, 1 pair oxen, 1 pair 2-
year-old steers; oxen entered for best
matched pair, the steers for the best
grade Herefords.Geo. R. Russell, 1 pair oxen, grade
Durham, entered for draft oxen.Chas. C. Russell, 1 pair 4-year-old
Herefords.Geo. Young, 1 pair 5-year-old Durham
cattle entered for draft oxen.Chas. Young, 1 pair Hereford oxen,
entered as working cattle.Henry W. Poland, 1 pair oxen, entered
as working oxen, weight 3,430 lbs., Here-
fords.J. Arthur Robbins, Norway, 1 pair 3-year-
old steers 6 ft 7 in, 1 pair yearling
steers 5 ft 8 in, 1 pair yearling
steers 5 ft 6 in, 1 pair calves 3½ months
old, 4 ft 6 in, 1 pair calves 3½ months
old, 3 ft 11 in, 1 yearling heifer, all
Herefords.J. H. Millett & Sons, Norway, 11 head,
among them a registered Guernsey bull,
a Durham cow, the balance heifers and
steers.S. H. Millett, Norway, shows 23 head
Herefords, among them a 3-year-old
registered bull, a clean limbed, well pro-
portioned fellow, also several pair of
yearling steers.A. F. Jackson, Norway, 1 pair Holstein
steers, 1 pair Holstein steer calves,
one year old, 3 grade Durham heifers 1
year old, 1 Ayrshire heifer 3 years old, 1
Guernsey heifer 3 years old, 3 grade Hol-
stein heifers, a thoroughbred Leicester
bull 4 years old, a flock of sheep and a
flock of lambs.E. J. Hobbs, Norway Lake, 12 head
headed by a 3-year-old bull, King Wil-
liam Colanthes, 2204, H F H B, raised
by Wm. Rod, Binghamton, N. Y., 7 ft
4 in, weight 1,832 lbs., a pair of oxen,
the balance cows, yearlings and calves.C. F. Price, Norway, 13 head, 9 cows in
milk, 3 heifers and one calf, a good herd,
grade Holsteins.E. W. Penley, Greenwood, P. O. address
West Paris, 12 Durham cows, 1 pair 3-
year-old calves 4 ft 6 in, 1 pair 2-year
calves 4 ft 6 in, a flock of 15 grade South-
down sheep, 1 flock of 8 lambs, 1 grade South-
down bull 2 years old, weight 300 lbs.D. A. Watson, Norway City, 1 pair Here-
ford oxen 6 ft 6 in, weight 3,700 lbs.,
entered as working cattle.Benj. Tucker, Norway, 22 head oxen,
Ayrshire and Holsteins, with the excep-
tion of one which is a Durham, and
among them a 3-year-old bull, a
yearling bull, a 4-year-old Ayrshire.L. S. Holmes, East Oxford, a year old
registered bull, a year old registered
heifer, 2 registered cows, a 2-year-old
registered heifer, a 5 months old calf,
all Herefords.W. G. Fiske, North Waterford, a full
blooded Ayrshire bull 2 years old, 6 ft
6 in, weight 1,300 lbs., a fine grained
one; 1 year-old, 1 2-year-old, 1 yearling,
a 3 months old calf, 1 grade heifer calf,
and 2 pair grade Holstein steers.S. L. Plummer, Sweden, 12 head of
stock, 4 full blooded Herefords, 3 grade
Herefords, 3 grade Durhams, 1 pair 2-
year-old twins 6 ft 6 in and a
perfect match. Riverside, his full blooded
Hereford bull is a good one, weight
1,294 lbs.C. R. Penley, South Paris, 21 head,
among them a herd of 12 cows, 1
Holstein cow, 1 grade Ayrshire, 1 grade
Guernsey, 1 pair grade Holstein calves, 1
pair oxen entered as draft oxen, 6 ft 7
in, 1 pair 3-year-old Holstein steers
entered in drawing class, bought of John
Saunders, Hanover.We would say right here, if there was
more stock on the grounds not spoken
of, it was left out unintentionally.Trotting horses not previously spoken
of were on hand and ready for the word
go. Emma D, with her record, 2:15½,
owned by Rigby this season, owned by
Jason Russell, Auburn.Tack Hammer Morrill, with his record
of 2:17½ made over a ½ mile track at
Topsham, owned by S. C. Sumner, Lewiston.St. Croix, Jr., with his proud record of
2:10½, and ready to head the wire,
owned by Burleigh of Vassalboro.Laundryman, record 2:20, made at
Rigby, handled and driven by Mr. Noyes.
Laundryman is a handsome gray geld-
ing and a trotter from the word go,
owned by Wiggins.Guess So, owned by W. J. Wheeler,
South Paris, mark 2:30; he has been
started this season in three races, won
two first monies, and one second.Dandy Dixmont, a black gelding with
his 2:41½ mark made at Canton last
year stands 16 hands, weight 1,000 lbs.,
owned by Fred Bennett, Buckfield.Joker M, owned by J. J. Millett, Nor-
way, entered to start in the 2:42 class.
Spaulding, the roan gelding handled
by Russell, is in fine condition, and as
one looks into his box stall, he will look
around, as much as to say, I am only
waiting to win 1st money in the 2:50
class.A. J. Penley, South Paris, breeder of
the fast mare May Day, is the owner of
Daisy Dean, 2 years old, by Robinson D,
Knox, also a year old colt, a full brother
to Daisy D, and a 5 months old filly, a
full sister to Daisy Dean, and still owns
the brood mare which has raised him 10
colts, all of them speedy.E. B. Howard, Buckfield, had Robinson
D, 2:17½, entered for the best stock
horse. Robinson D has been one of the
most successful race horses ever in the
state; he was started one fall in five
stake races, and never lost a heat, and
has won many thousands of dollars in
purse.May Day, spoken of last week as one
of Mr. Howard's string of horses on the
grounds, was started in 13 races, and was
not behind the money in any of them.St. Croix, when he was led from the
car on to the ground, seemed to appear
as if he felt that he was the grandest
piece of horse flesh ever shown here. It
is useless to write him up as he is so
well known all over New England. He
is now owned by Dr. Seigler of Lewiston,
is perfectly gentle and a kinder pleasure
rider looking horse is not upon the grounds.St. Croix is a producer of stylish, and
well finished horses all over the state as
well as a producer of speed. He is driv-
en by G. W. Rogers.Races First Day, Sept. 19th.
GREEN HORSE-TROT AND PACE-PURSE \$100.
Silk Knot, b. g. 1 1 1
Buck, b. g. 2 2 2
Peter, b. g. 3 3 3
Time-2:47, 2:55, 2:58.2:30 CLASS-TROT AND PACE-PURSE \$150.
James T. Jr. g. 1 1 1
Gauguin, b. g. 2 2 2
Buck, b. g. 3 3 3
Time-2:47, 2:55, 2:58.Races Friday, Sept. 20th.
2:50 CLASS-TROT-PURSE \$100.
Spaulding, b. g. 1 1 1
Silver and Gold, b. g. 2 2 2
Little King, b. g. 3 3 3
Time-2:54, 2:58, 2:58.2:30 CLASS-TROT AND PACE-PURSE \$175.
Dewey, b. g. 1 1 1
Sam, b. g. 2 2 2
Buck, b. g. 3 3 3
Time-2:47, 2:55, 2:58.2:30 CLASS-TROT AND PACE-PURSE \$200.
Lund O. b. g. 1 1 1
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State News.

The entering class at Orono, this year is one of the largest in the history of the college.

For the second time, last week, earthquake shocks were felt in Bath. Saturday morning, five different shocks were recorded, the first at 3 o'clock. The noise was described as a low, rumbling sound, and the jar was most noticeable.

It is reported that Gov. Powers has accepted the offer of two dollars a acre for his entire lot of wild land 200,000 acres, and ownership will pass into the hands of a syndicate in Mass. Will the money pay a higher tax than the wild land?

Mrs. A. A. Merrill has been elected treasurer of the Fairfield Savings bank to succeed her husband, the late Simon Merrill. Mrs. Merrill is the second woman in the state to be elected treasurer of a bank and possesses peculiar qualifications for the position.

The State Board of Trade held its annual meeting in Bangor this week re-electing Hon. Henry Lord President. Superintendent Heston of the school department and Atty.-Gen. Haines were the chief speakers, and a trip to Washington county the great attraction.

The seizure of liquors at one establishment in Portland amounting in value to more than \$2,000, was cause somebody to go dry. Why not make a trial of enforcing the law all over the state and shut up the rum shops everywhere? It can be done. Enforce the law or repeal it.

Madison. Work on the extension to the Indian Spring Woolen Mill is progressing finely.—Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Moore attended the cattle show at Solon the 23.—Mr. Henry Pooler has gone to Plagat with his span of horses to haul birch.—Byron Frederick, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Frederick, was very severely scalded on his hand and arm recently. We are pleased to learn he is doing well.—Mrs. P. W. Simons has sold her lot on Main St. to the Great Northern Paper Co.

EAST STONEHAM. We have suffered here the most severe and protracted drought in the remembrance of the oldest inhabitants. Wells and springs that never failed before are yet dry. It has proved thus far a more healthy season than could have been expected.—The usual number of people who have relations and friends here have made their summer visit and gone away. Summer boarders have also taken their flight.—The Knight of Pythias hall is undergoing repairs inside, such as whitewashing and painting.

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WASHINGTON. Rev. Addison P. Foster, D. D., of Boston, will speak at the Christian Endeavor chapel at Roxbury, next Saturday evening at 7 o'clock and Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. This will give the people of this place and vicinity a rare opportunity to hear one of the most noted divines in this country.

Notwithstanding the short hay crop there is but little stock for sale here, a few cows of steers, some new milk cows, and some nice heifers with calves.

The ninth annual Washington town fair will be held November 3d, 4th and 5th.—W. E. Overlock went to Waldoboro on business, Monday, Sept. 26th.

MANFIELD, Mass., where she has a situation.—Ernest Sylvester of this place, has recently been appointed assistant light keeper at Minot's ledge near Boston.

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